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Symphony in Color submissions ready for pick up June 27

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Association (ISOA) is asking that all Wabash County art students whose artwork was submitted for Symphony in Color state consideration pick up their artwork and awards from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 27 at the City Park Pavilion, 800 W. Hill St. Art teachers from Manchester Elementary School, Southwood Elementary School, Metro North Elementary School, Sharp Creek Elementary School, O.J. Neighbours Elementary School, Wabash Middle School, St. Bernard Elementary School and homeschooling are asked to attend, as well.

'Hope House Under the Stars' fundraiser planned for June 28

To raise proceeds for a Hope House, a fundraiser called "Hope House Under the Stars," will take place from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, June 28 at the 13-24 Drive-In Theater, 890 N. Indiana 13. The event is free to the community and anyone interested in learning more about Hope House is encouraged to attend. The "Lego Batman" movie will be showing and children are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero. Gates open at 8 p.m. and the movie will begin at approximately 9:35 p.m.

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48 Wabash County businesses awarded OCRA grant funding

Grow Wabash County now applying for a second round

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Forty-eight businesses located in the city of Wabash will receive grant funding totaling \$250,000 through a grant program offered by the Indiana Office of Com-

munity and Rural Affairs (OCRA) awarded to the city of Wabash and administered by Grow Wabash County, according to Chelsea Boulrisse, project manager for marketing and events.

The grants are funded by OCRA through its COVID-19 Response program, which is focused on providing funding to businesses to help them retain low- to middle-income (LMI) workers and mini-

mize lay-offs caused by low revenue during COVID-19 restrictions. The funds, awarded in grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$15,000, may be used by the businesses for certain expenses incurred during the pandemic, such as working capital, expenses incurred by continuing operations and/or expenses incurred by transitioning the workforce to working remotely.

Grant recipients in the city

of Wabash include businesses of all sizes and from various sectors that were hit hard during the pandemic.

"I am ecstatic that the city of Wabash, in partnership with Grow Wabash County, can assist 48 local businesses with funding from this OCRA COVID-19 relief program," Mayor Scott Long said. "Our organizations have worked

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North Manchester Rotary grills up chicken July 18



Provided photo

The Rotary Club of North Manchester is taking its Weber Grills on the road for the third annual North Manchester Rotary Grilled Chicken BBQ.

The annual event raises money to serve the community

By **ANNE GREGORY**

The Rotary Club of North Manchester is taking its Weber Grills on the road for the third annual North Manchester Rotary Grilled Chicken BBQ.

The event is set to last from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18, in the parking lot in front of New Market, 1204 E. Indiana 114, North Manchester.

"The chicken is charcoal grilled on-site by our volunteer crew," said event coordinator Sue Roesner. "We hope you'll join us to pick up a great meal and help support local organizations

and causes."

A meal is two pieces of chicken, chips and a drink for \$7. A small meal is one piece of chicken, chips and a drink for \$5.

It is drive-through pickup only. Volunteers will wear masks and gloves.

All proceeds from the event go to local organizations and causes.

Established June 27, 1939, the Rotary Club of North Manchester has a long history of serving the community and doing good works.

It raises money for local nonprofit organizations, including the Early Learning Center, Learn More Cen-

ter, Junior Achievement, Friends of the Library, Education for Conflict Resolution and Manchester Alive.

It gives out scholarships to graduating seniors at Manchester High School and sponsors the sports Rotary Mental Attitude Awards at the high school. It brings area high school students to Manchester University for the annual Rotary District World Affairs Conference, where the young people take a deep dive into an important global topic. The club also sends Manchester students to a regional youth leadership camp each year.

It also helps support the

Manchester University Medical Practicum clinics, which includes local volunteers.

The club does larger projects to improve the quality of life in North Manchester, such as raising enough money locally and through a Rotary District 6540 grant to put in landscaping at the canoe launch at Ogan's Landing on the Eel River.

It contributed to the Manchester Early Learning Center Building Fund, developed the Robin's Way walking trail on East Street and erected a gazebo next

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13-24 named one of Indiana's top drive-in theaters by Visit Indiana

'20 IN 20' campaign previously named Wabash 'must-see small town'

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The 13-24 Drive-In has been named by Visit Indiana as one of the state's top 20 drive-in theaters, according to Josh Alsip, project manager for the Indiana Office of Tourism.

The listing is part of the state's "20 IN 20" campaign, which also named Wabash as of Indiana's "must-see small towns" in January.

"Did you know Indiana has the fourth most drive-in theaters in America? A trip to the drive-in is more than just a movie. It's a chance to make memories. These 20 drive-in theaters in Indiana are all fantastic spots to watch a movie under the stars," said Alsip. "Wabash was the first electrically lighted city in the world. 13-24 Drive-In has been happy to carry on the tradition by illuminating the city with its screen for over 60 years. Family and mainstream features are shown on the weekends. Kids 12 and under receive free admission."

Many drive-in theaters

throughout the state are making changes to accommodate their visitors.

"From parking cars at least six feet apart to pre-purchasing tickets to concession stand adjustments, theater owners are making changes to keep visitors safe and healthy," said Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch.

You can show Visit Indiana your drive-in photos for a chance to win a prize. Post your pictures on Instagram with #The20IN20 for a chance to win a giveaway.

"We will randomly draw 20 winners every other month. Winners will receive one of



Provided photo

The 13-24 Drive-In has been named by Visit Indiana as one of the state's top 20 drive-in theaters.

the following custom items: beanie cap, golf umbrella, beach towel or stadium blanket," said Amy Howell, director of communications and media relations.

For more information, visit <https://visitindiana.com/2020/>.

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ISDH adds another local virus case Wednesday

Now at 96 cases, 1,860 tests, two deaths

STAFF REPORT

On Wednesday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported another local positive COVID-19 case, bringing Wabash County's total to 96.

The state still reported two local deaths, and now reports 1,860 tests.

Statewide on Wednesday, the ISDH announced that 281 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 43,140 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's total.

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Volunteer Work Days scheduled at Salamonie

Projects planned for June 25 and July 23

STAFF REPORT

Volunteers are invited to join in a "Volunteer Work Day" to be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 25 and Thursday, July 23 at the Salamonie Lake's Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, according to Teresa Rody, interpretive naturalist, Upper Wabash Interpretive Services.

Projects may include repairs made to the shelter, raptor center; weeding, invasive species work; and clean-up in areas of the center.

"Volunteers should be sure to wear appropriate shoes and clothing, and bring refillable water bottles and bug spray," said Rody.

Those who are under 12 years old should have an adult present.

Advance registration is requested for one or both days.

To register or for more information, call 260-468-2127.

As a reminder, the Indiana 105 bridge is closed for repair. Entrance into Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area is accessible from Indiana 105 south of the bridge.

‘Coming back and biting us’: U.S. sees virus resurgence

By **NOMAAN MERCHANT**
and **JUAN A. LOZANO**
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Hospital administrators and health experts warned desperately Wednesday that parts of the U.S. are on the verge of becoming overwhelmed by a resurgence of the coronavirus, lamenting that politicians and a tired-of-being-cooped-up public are letting a disaster unfold.

The U.S. recorded a one-day total of 34,700 new COVID-19 cases, the highest in two months, according to the count kept by Johns Hopkins University. The number of new cases per day is now running just short of the nation’s late-April peak of 36,400.

While newly confirmed infections have been declining steadily in early hot spots such as New York and New Jersey, several other states set single-day records this week, including Arizona, California, Mississippi, Nevada, Texas and Oklahoma. Some of them also broke hospitalization records, as did North Carolina and South Carolina.

“People got complacent,” said Dr. Marc Boom, CEO of the Houston Methodist hospital system. “And it’s coming back and biting us, quite frankly.”

The stock market slid sharply Wednesday as the virus’s resurgence clouded investors’ hopes for a relatively quick economic turnaround. The virus in the U.S. has been blamed for over 120,000 deaths – the highest toll in the world – and over 2.3 million confirmed infections.

California, the most populous state, reported over 7,100 new cases, a record. Florida’s single-day count surged to 5,500, a 25 percent jump from the record set last week and triple the level from just two weeks ago.

In Texas, which began lift-

ing its shutdowns early on, on May 1, hospitalizations have doubled and new cases have tripled in two weeks.

Gov. Greg Abbott told KFDA-TV that the state is facing a “massive outbreak” and might need new local restrictions to preserve hospital space in some places.

At Houston Methodist’s eight Texas hospitals, the COVID-19 patient count has tripled in the last month, to 312. About 20 percent of the coronavirus tests the hospitals conduct now come back positive, compared with roughly 2 percent to 4 percent in mid-May.

If the trends don’t change, the 2,000-bed hospital chain could have 600 coronavirus patients in the next three weeks and could be forced to cancel nonessential surgeries, Boom said.

“We need everybody to behave perfectly and work together perfectly” to slow the infection rate, Boom said. “When I look at a restaurant or a business where people ... are not following the guidelines, where people are just throwing caution to the wind, it makes me angry.”

In Arizona, cases will probably exceed statewide hospital bed capacity within the next several weeks if the trend continues, said Dr. Joseph Gerald, a University of Arizona public health policy professor.

“We are in deep trouble,” said Gerald, urging the state to impose new restrictions on businesses, which Gov. Doug Ducey has refused to do. Without such steps, Gerald said, the death toll will reach “unheard-of” levels.

Infectious-disease expert Dr. Peter Hotez of the Baylor College of Medicine in Texas said he worries that states will squander what time they have to head off a much larger crisis.

“We’re still talking about subtlety, still arguing whether or not we should wear

masks, and still not understanding that a vaccine is not going to rescue us,” he said.

The Texas governor initially barred local officials from fining or penalizing anyone for not wearing a mask as the state reopened. After cases began spiking, Abbott said last week that cities and counties could allow businesses to require masks. Both Abbott and Ducey are Republicans.

Some business owners are frustrated that officials didn’t do more, and act sooner, to require masks.

“I can’t risk my staff, my clientele, myself, my family and everybody else in that chain just because other people are too inconvenienced to wear a piece of cloth on their face,” said Michael Neff, an owner of the Cottonmouth Club in Houston. He closed it down this week so staffers could get tested after one had contact with an infected person.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, a Democrat, ordered people to wear masks in public as the daily count of hospitalizations and new cases hovered near records. In Florida, several counties and cities recently enacted mask requirements and cracked down on businesses that don’t enforce social distancing rules.

In a sign of the shift in the outbreak, New York, Connecticut and New Jersey announced they will require visitors from states with high coronavirus infection rates to quarantine themselves for 14 days. That is a turnaround from March, when Florida issued such an order for visitors from the New York City area, where cases were soaring.

Cases are also surging in some other parts of the world. India reported a record-breaking one-day increase of nearly 16,000 cases. Mexico and Iraq also set records.

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to the Thomas Marshall House on Market Street.

The local club is part of Rotary International, a global network of 1.2 million people in more than 35,000 clubs who provide service to others, promote integrity and advance goodwill through action.

For more information, visit <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/4154/>.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

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The intensive care unit and ventilator capacity remain steady. As of Wednesday, more than 37 percent of ICU beds and nearly 82 percent of ventilators are available.

A total of 2,386 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 9 over the previous day. Another 192 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are report-

ed based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 431,883 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 426,376 on Tuesday.

Any Hoosier seeking COVID-testing can obtain it through one of the state-sponsored Optum-Serve sites, regardless of whether they are at high risk or have symptoms. To find testing locations around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link. More than 200 locations are available around the state.

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diligently to ensure that our local small business community not only survives but thrives as this crisis hopefully is nearing its end. Local small business is the backbone of Wabash and it is what sets the community apart from surrounding cities. Our continued working relationship with OCRA and many other state agencies is strong and getting stronger every day.”

A countywide collaboration is currently in the process of applying for grant funding from Phase II of OCRA’s COVID-19 Response program focused on long-term recovery. More details to follow about this second round of grant funding.

“Grow Wabash County would like to thank OCRA for their support of this partnership with the city of Wabash to help local businesses retain jobs and keep Wabash working despite the challenges brought on by the pandemic,” said Boul- rrisse.

Keith Gillenwater, President and CEO of Grow Wabash County, said the requirements for Phase II would be the same as they were for Phase I.

“We encourage businesses that didn’t apply last time or who did not receive it to apply again,” said Gillenwater.

Gillenwater said they would be submitting the applications this week as the deadline is Friday.

A public hearing about the project has been set for the Wabash County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9 a.m. Monday, July 6.






“We encourage anyone interested to attend and give us their feedback on the grant program,” said Gillenwater. “This is a competitive grant application so we are not guaranteed funding, so the more public support we can receive and the more businesses we can serve and assist the more competitive we will be and the better chance we have of receiving funding.”

OCRA COVID-19 Response Program Grant recipients in Wabash include:

- 380 Smokehouse & Grill
- The Fried Egg
- Anytime Fitness of Wabash
- B. Walter & Co.
- B’s Construction
- Bellazo Revived Style
- Birdie J’s
- Bluebird Boutique
- BoxDrop Wabash
- Brimso’s Antiques
- C & J Raxx
- Chapman’s Brewing Company – Wabash Taproom
- Charcroft Investments
- Dolce Lusso Hair & Lash Studio
- Dream Weaver Market- ing
- Dyes Bar & Grill





- Eclectic Shoppe
 - Ellen’s Bridal & Dress Boutique
 - Filament Tattoo Company
 - Get Nailed
 - Habanero Grill
 - Harry’s Old Kettle Pub and Grill
 - Helping Touch Massage
 - Hidden Diamond Homes
 - Hill’s Lawn Care & Landscaping
 - J & K Mega Pet
 - Jack in the Box
 - Jones Garage
 - Smitty’s Bar & Grill
 - Kitchens Plus
 - Lifequest Counseling
 - Lori’s Cleaning Service
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 - Knight’s Inn – Wabash
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5-Day Weather Summary

 Thursday Partly Cloudy 84 / 66	 Friday Scattered T-storms 89 / 74	 Saturday Few Showers 83 / 73	 Sunday Scattered T-storms 84 / 72	 Monday Few Showers 85 / 74
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:23 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:18 a.m.

 First 6/28	 Full 7/5	 Last 7/12	 New 7/20
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 84°, humidity of 45%. West southwest wind 6 to 10 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 66°. South southwest wind 2 to 9 mph.

Suburban friends still socialize during lockdown

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have become a recluse during this quarantine period. I thought everybody was doing the same thing, but then I spoke to some friends in other parts of the country, and learned that we are having completely different experiences. I live in the big city, and we have been on lockdown. Officials have urged us not to go out, and I haven’t. I have ordered my food in and everything.

Harriette Cole
Sense & Sensitivity



My friends across the country who live in houses with yards and in neighborhoods that are not so affected have been having cook-outs and small parties and really living it up. I feel like I am in the Twilight Zone. So far, my social friends have all stayed healthy, so I can’t even point to what I think is reckless behavior on their part as being detrimental. I just feel like I’m in prison and they aren’t. I hate this, but I’m also afraid to venture out, even now when the rules are relaxing a bit. – Conflicted

DEAR CONFLICTED: If you look at the charts that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention put out about the outbreak of COVID-19 and where the hotspots are, you will see how safe you are relative to the rest of the country. Your friends in suburbia may be in locations that are less critical in the spread of the disease. Even more, since they have space around their homes, they can go outside and remain safe. Entertaining with family members who live with them or with small groups who practice social distancing can be a safe practice as well.

For you, you will have to figure out what your safety comfort level is. Be vigilant about practicing social distancing, wearing a face covering whenever you go outside and washing your hands regularly. Soon, in many parts of the country, people will be able to venture out more liberally than

READERS' CHOICE REPORTS

TUESDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5
01-16-21-29-31
Estimated jackpot: \$286,500
Cash4Life
11-45-50-52-59, Cash Ball: 3
Daily Three-Midday
5-8-8, SB: 3
Daily Three-Evening
6-0-3, SB:
Daily Four-Midday
5-8-1-0, SB: 3
Daily Four-Evening
6-1-9-9, SB:
Mega Millions
06-20-37-40-48, Mega Ball: 15, Megaplier: 3
Estimated jackpot: \$35 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$33 million

WEDNESDAY'S METALS

Aluminum .72
Copper 2.67
Lead .79
Zinc .93
Gold 1,767.07
Silver 17.61
Platinum 809.14

AREA GRAIN


Estimated grain prices
Wednesday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$3.34. Soybeans: \$8.63.

in the past three months. Do so with caution, but do go out. We have to learn how to live in the midst of this health crisis. Do what is right for you in your community. Do your best not to compare yourself to others.

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have been waiting for months to physically go to the doctor. I have participated in those telehealth calls, which can be great for certain things. But I need to get a physical and go to the dentist. I’m worried that if I wait too much longer, my health concerns could become a problem. I have a couple of chronic illnesses, and normally I am monitored very closely. I have been patient, but I feel like I need to press my doctors to see me. What do you think? – Need a Doctor

DEAR NEED A DOCTOR: If you believe that you need to have an in-person visit with your doctors, by all means, request it. Most medical offices are opening up at this point anyway, so it shouldn’t be too difficult to get an appointment. Call and explain your health concerns. Point out that you have had telehealth visits, but you believe you need to get your vitals checked and have your other health concerns addressed in person. Be firm. You should end up with an appointment.

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Virus cases surging among the young, endangering the elderly

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Coronavirus cases are climbing rapidly among young adults in a number of states where bars, stores and restaurants have reopened – a disturbing generational shift that not only puts them in greater peril than many realize but poses an even bigger danger to older people who cross their paths.

In Oxford, Mississippi, summer fraternity parties sparked outbreaks. In Oklahoma City, church activities, fitness classes, weddings and funerals seeded infections among people in their 20s, 30s and 40s. In Iowa college towns, surges followed the reopening of bars. A cluster of hangouts near Louisiana State University led to at least 100 customers and employees testing positive. In East Lansing, Michigan, an outbreak tied to a brew pub spread to 25 people ages 18 to 23.

There and in states like Florida, Texas and Arizona, young people have started going out again, many without masks, in what health experts see as irresponsible behavior.

“The virus hasn’t changed. We have changed our behaviors,” said Ali Mokdad, professor of health metrics sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle. “Younger people are more likely to be out and taking a risk.”

In Florida, young people ages 15 to 34 now make up 31 percent of all cases, up from

25 percent in early June. Last week, more than 8,000 new cases were reported in that age group, compared with about 2,000 among people 55 to 64 years old. And experts say the phenomenon cannot be explained away as simply the result of more testing.

Elected officials such as Florida’s governor have argued against reimposing restrictions, saying many of the newly infected are young and otherwise healthy. But younger people, too, face the possibility of severe infection and death. And authorities worry that older, more vulnerable people are next.

“People between the ages 18 and 50 don’t live in some sort of a bubble,” said Oklahoma City Mayor David Holt. “They are the children and grandchildren of vulnerable people. They may be standing next to you at a wedding. They might be serving you a meal in a restaurant.”

The virus has taken a frightful toll on the elderly in the U.S., which leads the world in total deaths, at over 120,000, and confirmed infections, at more than 2.3 million. Eight out of 10 deaths in the U.S. have been in people 65 and older. In contrast, confirmed coronavirus deaths among 18-to-34-year-olds number in the hundreds, though disease trackers are clamoring for more accurate data.

For months, elderly people were more likely to be diagnosed with the virus, too. But figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that almost as soon as states began reopening, the picture flipped, with people 18 to 49 years old quickly be-

coming the age bracket most likely to be diagnosed with new cases.

And although every age group saw an increase in cases during the first week in June, the numbers shot up fastest among 18-to-49-year-olds. For the week ending June 7, there were 43 new cases per 100,000 people in that age bracket, compared with 28 cases per 100,000 people over 65.

With the shift toward younger people, some hospitals are seeing a smaller share of their COVID-19 patients needing intensive care treatment such as breathing machines.

“They are sick enough to be hospitalized, but they’re not quite as sick,” said Dr. Rob Phillips, chief physician executive of Houston Methodist Hospital. He said he still finds the trend disturbing because young people “definitely interact with their parents and grandparents,” who could be next.

In one Florida hospital system, nearly half the COVID-19 patients were on ventilators during April compared with less than 3 percent now, said Dr. Sunil Desai, president of the Orlando Health hospital system.

Some of the young people who have fallen ill describe stretches of extreme pain and fatigue.

“My chest and my body hurt. Almost like I’d gotten in a car accident,” said Emily Ellington, 25, of suburban Austin, Texas, who tested positive about six weeks after the state began reopening.

In Florida, where many restaurants and bars reopened in early May, 32-year-old

Kristen Kowall of Clearwater dined out with her fiancé in early June. Like others in the restaurant, she didn’t wear a mask. She tested positive over the weekend.

“I just feel really groggy and tired. It hurts to walk. Especially my ankles and knees, it feels like my bones are going to fall apart,” she said. “I definitely would advise people from going out. It’s not worth it.”

The increase among young adults may not all be due to reopenings and could also reflect wider testing that has reached younger, less sick people. Yet since May, younger adults have had a higher share of tests come back positive than their older counterparts.

In late March and April, that wasn’t the case – the highest positive rates were in people over 65. For the past month, roughly 7 percent of tests done on 18-to-49-year-olds nationwide have come back positive. That is about 2 percentage points above older groups of adults.

Amid the surge, some Florida cities and counties are requiring people to wear masks before entering businesses. An Orlando bar popular with University of Central Florida students had its liquor license suspended after more than 40 people who went there upon its reopening tested positive.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis warned other bars they could lose their licenses if they don’t follow social distancing guidelines.

“If you go in, and it’s Dance Party USA, dancing up to the rafters ... there’s no tolerance for that,” he said.

Lois Jane (Biehl) Roser

Aug. 5, 1933 – June 22, 2020

The earthly part of the life of Lois Jane (Biehl) Roser, 86, of rural Wabash, Indiana, ended at 3:39 pm, Monday June 22, 2020 in her home, after a short illness, surrounded by her family. She is now healed and able to run with and hug her husband, Don, of 66 years, who preceded her in death last year. Lois was born August 5, 1933 in Urbana, Indiana to LeRoy and Cleo (Garber) Biehl, and was a lifelong resident of Wabash County.



Lois was a 1950 graduate of Urbana High School. She married Donald G. Roser in Urbana, on November 27, 1953; he died October 9, 2013. She served as a school librarian at Southwood Elementary and retired from the United States Postal Service in 1988. Lois was a long time member of the Zion Lutheran Church, serving as a member of the altar guild. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society of Wabash County, and the Cozy Homemakers Home Ec Club.

Lois was noted in the family for her sewing and mending articles of clothing brought to her, especially by her grandchildren. She enjoyed helping the grandchildren with their 4-H projects. One of her great passions was making quilts. Each of the grandchildren received a quilt when starting college, and great grandchildren received a quilt at birth, made by her. She enjoyed eating breakfast with the ladies of Beacon Credit Union Board Members when Don served on the board. She and Don enjoyed taking trips to different places in the United States and making friends with people they met.

Lois always kept a cookie jar full of homemade cookies and a pantry door with a tub of candy for visits from her family. Her sons and grandchildren will miss her cookies. The call, “Grandma, you are about out of cookies”, will not be forgotten.

She is survived by four children, Teresa (Terrill) Brown of Piercetown, Indiana, Tony (Roxy) Roser of Lagro, Indiana, Terry (Cheryl) Roser and Troy Roser, both of Wabash, eight grandchildren, Jama (Jay) Salge of Lima, Ohio, Brice Brown of Piercetown, Tiffany (Rex) Reimer of North Manchester, Indiana, Amelia Roser of LaFontaine, Indiana, Corey Roser of Wabash, Drew Roser of Valparaiso, Indiana, Ty Roser, and Trista Roser, both of Wabash, three great-grandchildren, Lucas Salge and Gavin Salge, both of Lima, and Paisley Reimer of North Manchester, brothers and sister, Arden (Linda) Biehl of Wabash, Eldon Biehl of North Manchester, Max (Anna Lee) Biehl and Nancy (Max) Chamberlain, both of Urbana. She was also preceded in death by her parents and grandson, Ethan Brown.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am Monday, June 29, 2020 at Zion Lutheran Church, 173 Hale Drive, Wabash, with Pastor Jerry Gauthier II officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2-6pm Sunday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Zion Lutheran Church.

The memorial guest book for Lois may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Icons of 1960s civil rights movement voice cautious optimism

By **DAN SEWELL and RUSSELL CONTRERAS**
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Bob Moses says America is at “a lurching moment” for racial change, potentially as transforming as the Civil War era and as the 1960s civil rights movement that he helped lead.

“What we are experiencing now as a nation has only happened a couple times in our history,” said Moses, a main organizer of the 1964 “Freedom Summer” project in Mississippi. “These are moments when the whole nation is lurching, and it’s not quite sure which way it’s going to lurch.”

Moses, now 85 and still active with The Algebra Project he founded, was among the many people, Black and white, who risked jail time, assaults and even assassination in the battles against racial segregation and for voting rights in the South. Associated Press reporters asked some of the leaders their thoughts on the current protests across the country sparked by police slayings of Black men in Minneapolis and Atlanta.

“We have kind of the perfect storm,” said the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, a close aide to the slain Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and leader of the Chicago-based Rainbow PUSH Coalition, an organization that fights for social change. “You’ve got COVID-19, you’ve got ‘Code Blue’ – police brutality – you have poverty, and you have Trump.”

Studies show that Black people have suffered disproportionately from the coronavirus, the resulting economic downturn and at the hands of police, and polls show most are opposed to President Donald Trump, a Republican. Jackson noted, though, it’s not just Black people taking to the streets in large numbers.

“They have been more massive, more rainbow and more global,” said Jackson, 78.

Bobby Seale, 83, who co-founded the Black Panther Party with the late Huey Newton in 1966, said he finds today’s demonstrations “fantastic” for drawing hundreds of thousands of people, far greater numbers than he could muster back in his day.

“I love it,” Seale said, laughing, from his Oakland home.

Andrew Young, a King lieutenant, marvels at both the sizes and the spontaneity of the protests. The former Democratic congressman, Atlanta mayor and United Nations ambassador recalled activists spending three months to organize for a 1963 Birmingham, Alabama, campaign in which King and other protesters were jailed. He said only a fraction of the 500 demonstrators sought showed up.

“Our mobilization was inconsequential,” said Young, 88, explaining that King’s letter from the jail and an economic boycott proved more powerful.

James Meredith, who turns 87 Thursday, has seen himself on a lifelong mission from God to topple white suprem-

acy. He said Monday from his home in Jackson, Mississippi, that it’s a sign from God that a young girl filmed George Floyd’s death at the hands of Minneapolis police. Meredith says that kind of visual evidence calls attention to continued violence against Black people.

“Every time it looks like it’s going to be over, the same thing that’s been happening now for 500 years, happens over and over,” said Meredith, who became the first African American to enroll at the University of Mississippi in 1962 amid violent protests by white people. He survived being shot by a white man in 1966 while on a “march against fear.”

St. Louis activist Percy Green, who gained national attention in 1964 for scaling the Gateway Arch to protest the exclusion of Blacks from federal contracts and jobs as the Arch was being built, said the 1960s protests had clear goals.

“This is reactive, though,” said Green, an 84-year-old veteran civil rights activist. “What we did back then was proactive. So they are going to have to keep this up to get change.”

Green and Seale said activists should use the energy from the multiracial, multi-ethnic coalition growing in streets to register new voters for lasting political change.

Jackson suggested the demonstrators should broaden their focus beyond the need for police reforms.

“Now my concern there is that the police issue is the epi-

dermis, the skin layer of our crisis,” Jackson said. “Racism is bone deep; it’s not just police.”

Even Seale, who was charged with conspiracy and inciting a riot in the wake of the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, said: “They have to keep it peaceful. I don’t believe in rioting.”

Former Democratic U.S. Sen. Fred Harris, 89, the last surviving member of the 1968 Kerner Commission, a panel that examined the urban riots of the time, said he’s “as angry as these protesters” because racism, inequality and poverty persists all these years later. He warned that violence leads to more repression.

“I’m hopeful, though,” Harris, who is white, said from his Corrales, New Mexico, home.

Jackson and Young are as well.

“There’s going to be a new consensus emerging about how to maintain law and order in a civilized society,” Young said. “I think we’re just starting. I don’t think anybody has a notion of how big a change this is going to introduce.”

Moses remains cautious. America has “lurched” forward racially, then fallen back before. The Civil War era’s emancipation and Reconstruction gave way to Jim Crow segregation in the South. King’s nonviolence movement and racial progress slowed amid white backlash over the 1967 urban rioting and riots after King’s 1968 assassination.

Betty I. Leffel

Aug. 8, 1925 – June 22, 2020

Betty I. Leffel, 94, North Manchester, passed away June 22, 2020 at Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester. The memory of Betty will be forever cherished by her sons, Judd (Xiaoyan) Leffel, San Jose, California, Lorin Leffel, North Manchester; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchild.

Family and friends may

call Saturday, June 27, 2020 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling. Pastor Larry Ray and Pastor J.P. Freeman will officiate. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery, 600 Beckley Street, North Manchester, Indiana.

Purdue expels student for racist statements on social media

WEST LAFAYETTE (AP) — Purdue University President Mitch Daniels has expelled an undergraduate student for “racist and despicable” statements he made on social media.

Purdue said in a news release Tuesday that Daniels determined that repeated statements posted by Maxwell Lawrence “appear plainly intended to incite others and therefore create a risk of public safety issues in the current environment.”

Purdue policy allows for summary suspension or

expulsion if a student’s behavior poses a threat to the safety and security of the university’s community, property or its ability to maintain normal operations.

Purdue’s student newspaper, The Exponent, first reported on Friday that the student, an incoming sophomore, posted a video on the website TikTok pretending to run over Black Lives Matter protesters and made racist comments in a group chat.

Lawrence did not immediately respond to an email requesting comment.

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Ephesians 5:1-2

Bolton's book shocks but doesn't surprise

To Donald Trump's harshest critics – indeed to much of the nation – the president's ongoing support from a devoted base is bewildering.

Why, for instance, would evangelicals fawn over a man who so epitomizes immorality? What do defense hawks see in a president who cozies up to America's adversaries and antagonizes its allies? And how can the party of Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan stand by a president so intent on undoing their legacies?

The new book by Trump's former national security adviser, John Bolton, to be released Tuesday, should force at least some of Trump's backers to reconsider a thing or two about the president they have praised so lavishly.

Democrats have long loathed Bolton for his hawkish positions, especially his support for the 2003 Iraq invasion that turned into a foreign policy debacle. Their opinion of him dropped even further when he chose to save his revelations for a lucrative book contract, rather than to testify in the House impeachment hearings.

It is easy to be cynical about

Bolton, who should have told Congress what he knew about the Ukraine shakedown and other presidential misdeeds. But the fact that he is so disliked by Democrats and occupies a space on the GOP's right wing only makes his withering critique of the president more potent.

His book paints a picture of an erratic president who lacks core competencies needed for the job and is perfectly willing to put his personal political advantage above the interests of the United States.

Trump bills himself as the first president to get tough on China. But Bolton discloses that he was more eager to cut a deal with China than many on his staff; the book also says that the president asked Xi Jinping to enhance his political standing among farmers by buying more American grain.

Bolton, who writes that obstruction of justice was a way of life in the Trump White House, also asserts Trump told Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan he would replace the U.S. attorney in New York who was investigating whether a Turkish bank had violated sanctions on Iran.

That federal prosecutor, Geoffrey Berman, was indeed fired unceremoniously and without explanation over the weekend. It remains unclear, however, whether the bank investigation played any role in the clumsily executed ouster.

By itself, Bolton's book probably would not be a watershed moment. So-called kiss-and-tell tomes rarely are. But "The Room Where it Happened" comes on top of so much more. These include Trump's abuses of office uncovered in the impeachment investigation, his inflammatory reaction to anti-racism protests, his bungling of the coronavirus response and his eroding poll numbers.

Bolton's "bombshells" shouldn't be a surprise to anyone who has been paying attention. Even so, perhaps this latest addition to the mountain of evidence about the president's unfitness for office will be a last straw for some of his backers. If that happens, Bolton will have belatedly performed a public service, even as he serves his own financial interests.

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Overt racism is not an idea we honor in bronze and marble

The solution to the problem of Confederate memorials is simple: Tear them down, all of them. If a few must be left standing for practical reasons – the

Eugene Robinson



giantic carvings on Stone Mountain outside Atlanta come to mind – authorities should allow them to be appropriately defaced, like the graffiti-scrawled remnants of the Berlin Wall. The question of monuments to other white supremacists is more complicated, but it's still not rocket science. As a society, we're perfectly capable of deciding together which must go and which can stay. This supposed "slippery slope" isn't really slippery at all.

There is no earthly reason any of this nation's public spaces should be defiled by statuary honoring generals, soldiers and politicians who were traitors, who took up arms against their country, who did so to perpetuate slavery, and who – this is an important point – were losers.

This was clear even to Robert E. Lee, who opposed such monuments. "I think it wiser," he wrote in 1869, declining an invitation to help decide where to erect memorials at Gettysburg, "not to keep open the sores of war but to follow the examples of those nations who endeavored to obliterate the marks of civil strife, to commit to oblivion the feelings engendered."

Lee understood that the South had lost and slavery was gone. Most Confederate memorials were erected decades later, when white Southerners were reestablishing their repressive dominion over African Americans through the imposition of Jim Crow laws and a state-sponsored campaign

of terrorism led by the Ku Klux Klan.

The Confederate monument in my hometown, Orangeburg, South Carolina, was dedicated in 1893. It is a statue of a rebel soldier atop a tall column, and the inscription, attributed to "the women of Orangeburg County" – though presumably only the white ones – calls it "a grateful tribute to the brave defenders of our rights, our honor and our homes." The "rights" in question were to own human beings, including my ancestors, and compel their uncompensated labor. The point of erecting the monument was to reassert those "rights." If the statue is a homage to anything, it's hate. Take it down.

"Oh, but you're erasing history," defenders of such memorials always say. Nonsense. The monuments themselves are an attempt to rewrite history and assert white supremacy. Put them in some sort of Museum of Shame, if you must, but get them out of the public square.

"Oh, but if you start toppling statues, where does it all end?" defenders wail, rending their garments. This is not a hard problem to solve: It ends where we, as a nation, decide to draw the line between those historical figures who deserve to be so honored and those who do not.

There is an obvious difference between George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, who founded our union, and, say, Jefferson Davis and Stonewall Jackson, who tried to destroy it. The fact that Washington, Jefferson and other early presidents owned slaves should temper our admiration for them but not erase it entirely. They gave us a nation grotesquely disfigured by slavery, but they also gave us the constitutional tools, and the high-minded ideals, with which to heal that original, near-fatal

flaw.

Davis, Jackson and the rest of the Confederates gave us war, destruction and suffering, all in the service of white supremacy and African American subjugation. They deserve nothing but our eternal scorn.

White Southerners who consider the memorials a matter of "heritage" should realize that many Americans have ancestors who made poor choices. Like the Germans of the Third Reich, they merit familial respect but not public honor.

What about non-Confederate historical figures who were white supremacists? If every statue of a racist were taken down, we'd mostly have empty pedestals and plinths. It should depend on the person, the context and the memorial itself.

A good example is the statue of Theodore Roosevelt outside the American Museum of Natural History in New York, which Mayor Bill de Blasio announced will soon be taken down. The problem is not Roosevelt himself. He was relatively enlightened for his times: He invited civil rights leader Booker T. Washington to dine at the White House, for which he was pilloried. And he did much to preserve wildlife (when he wasn't shooting it) and our natural wonders.

The problem is the statuary itself. Roosevelt is astride a horse, and flanking him – on foot, thus beneath the great man – are a Native American man on one side and an African man on the other. The tableau amounts to a visual parable of white supremacy.

We put statues in places of honor to depict our heroes and our values. Overt racism is not an idea we honor – not in relationships and not in bronze and marble. Not anymore.

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Mass evictions are the next crisis. We must act now

By FRANK ARTHUR

As COVID-19 continues to ravage the nation, America's renters face another threat, as critical relief benefits of the CARES Act that have helped them stay in their homes and keep food on the table are set to expire in less than a month. If Congress doesn't act to renew and strengthen these programs now, it could unleash a catastrophic wave of evictions across the country that would send the unhoused population skyrocketing – further destroying our economy in the process.

The additional \$600 dollars a week in federal unemployment benefits provided by the CARES Act, as well as the federal and numerous state level bans on evictions, have stabilized the incredibly precarious situation of many unemployed Americans. However, the federal ban on evictions for those receiving Section 8 vouchers and those living in houses with federally-backed mortgages ends on July 25. Many state level evictions have already timed out. Virginia, Georgia, Ohio, Texas and 12 other states have begun to process eviction cases, threatening to throw vulnerable tenants out of their homes during a pandemic that is still present, even spiking in areas, and still very much lethal.

Tenants have already faced the brunt force of this economic crisis. Renters make up the majority of those who work in the service industry, which has been devastated by the stay-at-home orders, leaving them with few options for supplementing their income. On top of that, one third of American renters were unable to make their rent payments in April before unemployment aid was processed – if at all – leaving many with thousands of dollars in debt through no fault of their own. Over one million new unemployment claims continue to be filed each week.

Being evicted isn't something you easily recover from, and in many cases evictions lead directly to homelessness. Evictions decimate your credit score, which can make it difficult to pass the background check that is required in most leases. On top of that, most landlords will immediately reject applicants that have a record of previous evictions.

Beyond the extraordinary obstacles that evictions place on finding future housing, mass evictions will disproportionately devastate communities of color that are already reeling from a higher unemployment and death rate from COVID-19 than their white counterparts. Experts predict that homelessness will rise by 45 percent this year due to the conditions brought about by coronavirus, and this is simply an unacceptable number. We cannot afford to have one more unhoused person on the streets during a global pandemic, let alone hundreds of thousands.

The housing crisis has the potential to become significantly worse than the mortgage defaults of 2009. Before coronavirus arose, more than 2 million Americans were facing eviction every year – more than the number of people who experienced foreclosure in 2009. During the Great Recession, the economy plummeted because tons of middle and lower class people lost their jobs and their homes, and with the rates we're seeing today, we will be facing an all out housing epidemic.

For many wealthy folks like myself, it's easy to see the evictions crisis as a distant issue. This crisis has spared wealthy individuals. We can afford high-quality tests and healthcare if we get sick, the Federal Reserve has poured trillions into the stock market to keep our investments afloat, and certain individuals like Jeff Bezos have actually made a profit over the course of the pandemic. But make no mistake, if hundreds of thousands of Americans lose their homes and their jobs, it will affect everyone – no matter how high the gates are in your community. Regardless of where you fall on the income scale, society as a whole does not function with a large segment of the population suffering as it is now.

In our consumer-driven economy, long term economic success comes from the bottom up. If hundreds of thousands of Americans do not have roofs over their heads and a stable job our economy will not begin its needed path to recovery.

When Congress reconvenes in early July, housing stability needs to be one of the first issues addressed. Keeping people in their homes is not only a moral and health imperative during this crisis, but it's also essential to keeping our economy on track and ensuring a speedy recovery. We need to cut the red tape surrounding federal rental assistance to ensure that everyone who needs assistance receives it, provide legal assistance to those who are currently facing eviction hearings, and place a universal, nationwide federally backed eviction moratorium until the crisis subsides, rather than a confusing patchwork of state and local level mandates.

If we allow hundreds of thousands of American families and communities to lose their homes, risk being exposed to a deadly disease, and be unable to return to work, the ramifications will ripple into the next generation and forever be a stain on this country and its leadership. This is simply unacceptable for a country founded on the principles of equality, liberty, and justice for all. We must act now.

Frank Arthur is a Navy Veteran and worked in the U.S. Justice Department. He currently is a Real Estate Developer in California specializing in Transit Oriented Development and Affordable Housing. He recently joined as a member of the Patriotic Millionaires.

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U.S. inmates got virus relief checks, and IRS wants them back

By **REBECCA BOONE**
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Hundreds of thousands of dollars in coronavirus relief payments have been sent to people behind bars across the United States, and now the IRS is asking state officials to help claw back the cash that the federal tax agency says was mistakenly sent.

The legislation authorizing the payments during the pandemic doesn't specifically exclude jail or prison inmates, and the IRS has refused to say exactly what legal authority it has to retrieve the money. On its website, it points to the unrelated Social Security Act, which bars incarcerated people from receiving some types of old-age and survivor insurance benefit payments.

"I can't give you the legal basis. All I can tell you is this is the language the Treasury and ourselves have been using," IRS spokesman

Eric Smith said. "It's just the same list as in the Social Security Act."

Tax attorney Kelly Erb, who's written about the issue on her website, says there's no legal basis for asking for the checks back.

"I think it's really disingenuous of the IRS," Erb said Tuesday. "It's not a rule just because the IRS puts it on the website. In fact, the IRS actually says that stuff on its website isn't legal authority. So there's no actual rule — it's just guidance — and that guidance can change at any time."

After Congress passed the \$2.2 trillion coronavirus rescue package in March, checks of up to \$1,200 were automatically sent in most cases to people who filed income tax returns for 2018 or 2019, including some who are incarcerated. A couple of weeks later, the IRS directed state correction departments to intercept payments to prisoners and return them.

The IRS doesn't yet have

numbers on how many payments went to prisoners, Smith said. But initial data from some states suggest the numbers are huge: The Kansas Department of Correction alone intercepted more than \$200,000 in checks by early June. Idaho and Montana combined had seized over \$90,000.

Washington state, meanwhile, had only intercepted about \$23,000 by early June. Some states, like Nevada, have refused to release the numbers, citing an IRS request for confidentiality.

While the IRS says checks sent to jail inmates also should be returned, the sheer number of jails and detention centers across the U.S. makes it difficult to tell if many are following those instructions.

The IRS seems to have decided by itself to pull back the payments approved by Congress, said Wanda Bertram, a spokeswoman for the Prison Policy Initiative, a think tank focusing on the harm of mass incarceration.

She says prison officials are accustomed to intercepting tax documents to screen for potential scams, priming them to follow this request.

"It appears that the IRS is just making this up," Bertram said.

Inmates and their families need the money, she said, especially as prisons try to reduce the spread of the virus by instituting lockdown conditions or releasing thousands of inmates who are then trying to get back on their feet.

Lockdowns can increase expenses for inmates because they are often given lower-quality food or fewer meals and need to supplement by buying food from prison commissaries. Family and friends on the outside often cover those costs, and many have lost jobs during the economic downturn, Bertram said.

"Loved ones right now are also under a squeeze because of the pandemic and being out of a job, so when you send a stimulus check

for someone, the person in prison is not the only one who benefits from that," Bertram said.

Intercepting relief checks may also have a disproportionate impact on Black and Hispanic inmates, who are incarcerated at a higher rate than white Americans. Black people are imprisoned at roughly twice the rate of Hispanic residents, and more than five times the rate of whites as of last year, according to the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Prison officials nationwide have been trying to intercept the checks, with varying results. Officials in Vermont, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Arizona and California estimated that they each had intercepted fewer than a dozen checks as of early June. Oregon prison officials had seized 25 payments, with 21 returned to the IRS and four others given to relatives or other joint tax filers.

Kaitlin Felsted, a spokeswoman for the Utah prison

system, said the state had intercepted 28 checks so far but noted that any relief money sent to an inmate's home address wouldn't be touched by prison officials.

Some states, like Alaska and Wyoming, aren't tracking the number of payments they intercept.

It's not clear if inmates have any recourse, said Erb, the tax attorney.

Those who are released before year's end and who didn't get a relief check can try to claim the missing money as a credit on their 2021 tax returns, but it's not clear if the IRS will honor such claims, Erb said. Other inmates may be out of luck.

"I think somebody has to sue, and you have to have the resources to be able to do that," she said. "I don't know that there's anything most people can do besides complain and see if they can attract some attention. You have to have somebody who will step up and be an advocate for that segment of the population."

PULSE

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Raffle winners will be announced before the movie. A fund at the Community Foundation has been established to receive contributions. All free-will donations will be directed to the Hope House Fund and will be used to sponsor rooms, pay salaries, and provide meals and recovery-related programming for women living in the home. The Community Foundation of Wabash County will be processing donations and administering the Hope House Fund. All donations are tax-deductible. To donate, visit www.cfwabash.org or mail a check to the Community Foundation located at 105 W. Second St., North Manchester, with Hope House in the memo line. For more information, visit www.hopehousemarion.org.

Grow Wabash County plans virtual conversation with Braun

Grow Wabash County has announced investors are invited to join a virtual question and answer session with Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indiana, at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 30. Registration is required for this session is required either by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/y92hktor> or emailing chelsea@growwabashcounty.com by Monday, June 29.

Wabash County Museum open once again

The Wabash County Museum's new hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 36 E. Market St. The education center located on the second floor of the museum will remain closed with a targeted opening date in early July.

Drive In Summer Music Series concludes July 1

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, July 1 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. The Mississinewa Valley Swing Band is a community band, located in Grant County. The Swing Band is a 16-member ensemble that plays swing-era music at different area events. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324DriveIn.com/coming-soon/live.

North Manchester July 4 fireworks move to high school

Manchester University is collaborating with Manchester Community Schools and the town of North Manchester to present the 2020 Independence Day Celebration

and Fireworks Display on Saturday, July 4. The rain date is Sunday, July 5. The free celebration kicks off at 9 p.m. with the Manchester Civic Band. Families and individuals are encouraged to come early to find a spot, maintaining social distancing with those not in their households, and have a great time. Lawn chairs or blankets will make viewing more comfortable. Parking is available at Manchester High School, Manchester Administrative Building and Manchester Recreation Association. The Rotary Club of North Manchester will sell food, water and soft drinks. The North Manchester Fire Department will light up the sky over the high school baseball field at 10 p.m. with fireworks. For the safety of guests, no alcohol, sparklers or personal fireworks are permitted. Those taking pictures or posting to social media can use #MUJuly4 to share their pictures. There will be no speakers or children's activities this year.

Wabash County 4-H Fair schedule announced

■ Tuesday, July 7: 7:30 p.m. — Public Fashion Revue at Legacy Hall in the Honeywell Center.
■ Wednesday, July 8: 7 p.m. 10-year Member Recognition at the Honeywell Center.
■ Friday, July 10: 10 a.m. — Horse and Pony Show.
■ Sunday, July 12: 3:30 p.m. — Rabbit Show.
■ Monday, July 13: 10 a.m. — Beef Show; and 3 p.m. — Poultry Show.
■ Tuesday July 14: 10 a.m. — Sheep Show; and noon — Meat Goat, Goat, and Pygmy Goat shows, in that order.
■ Wednesday, July 15: 1 p.m. — Dairy Show.
■ Thursday, July 16: 10 a.m. Swine Show, beginning with showmanship.
■ Saturday, July 18: 1 p.m. — Champion pictures; and 2:30 p.m. — Senior sweatshirt, Achievement and Parade of Champions.

‘Blue Rally’ planned to support law enforcement

A "Blue Rally" as a show of support for those who work in law enforcement is being organized for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 at the Wabash County Courthouse steps. Confirmed speakers include Barbara Pearson, Wabash County Republican Party chair; Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington; Terry Brewer, Wabash city councilman; Tim Morbitzer, Victory Christian Fellowship pastor; and Emery McClen-don, a tea party organizer from Fort Wayne. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y79ku58h>.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 8

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 at the

Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

Wabash Art Guild workshop approaching

The Wabash Art Guild is set to host an acrylics-painting workshop featuring Terry Pulley. The deadline for entries is Monday, July 6. The workshop itself is set for Thursday, July 9 at Wabash Christian Church, 110 W. Hill St. Set-up starts at 8:30 a.m. The class will begin at 9 a.m. with a break to eat a bring-your-own sack-lunch. The workshop will continue until about 3 p.m. For more information, call 574-453-6772 or email theartgiraffe@yahoo.com.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 14

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds, 660 Gillen Ave.

North Manchester Center for History open once again

The North Manchester Center for History has reopened once again and has been selected by Indiana Humanities to host a Smithsonian-curated traveling exhibit called "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" as part of the Museum on Main Street program. The exhibition, which examines the evolving landscape of rural America, is on display through Friday, July 17 at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester. For more information, visit <https://museumonmainstreet.org/content/crossroads> or <https://northmanchestercenterforhistory.org>.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 21

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 21 at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

30th Annual Wabash Co. Festivals Scholarship Pageant to be held July 24

The pageant will be held Friday, July 24, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Bev Vanderpool, 73 W. Sheridan St, Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked "Scholarship Pageant." The Wabash County Festivals Pageant is a nonprofit, therefore all donations are tax-deductible. For more information, visit the Wabash County Festivals Pageant Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wabashcountyfestivalsscholarship pageant, or contact any of the directors.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day rescheduled for July 25

After being rescheduled for a second time, the Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day for Saturday, July 25. After a year at the Wabash Presbyterian Church, Pancake Day will return to the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue in Wabash. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing Kiwanian Donna Siders at donnasiders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support. The event's Pancake Eating Contest, sponsored by Midwest Eye Consultants, will take place that day at noon. The Club's president, Mike Keaffaber, is the event's chairperson for 2020. Those who have questions or ideas regarding the event may email Keaffaber at keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us.

Clark Gallery to feature 2020 themed art exhibit

The Clark Gallery in the Honeywell Center will host its 2020 Themed Art Competition titled "Dreams" through Sunday, Aug. 16. Accepted and featured entries can be picked up after the exhibit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. For more information, visit HoneywellCenter.org/dreams.

‘Liking for Biking’ riding series takes to the road for the fourth year

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a "free, family-friendly" 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a "fun and engaging atmosphere." Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

Woman's Clubhouse hopes to pick up 2020-2021 schedule in August

Out of an abundance of caution, the Woman's Clubhouse will not meet for its final luncheon of the 2019-

2020 season in June. The group will send the 2020-2021 program and luncheon schedule in August for the new year and they will vote on officers for the new calendar year in September. Anyone who would like to nominate someone for an office should call Ellen Stouffer at 260-571-5339. The group needs a volunteer to take over the membership organization.

Manchester University announces plan to open in fall 2020

In-person classes will begin Sept. 2. Like many schools, Manchester will move to remote teaching and learning after Thanksgiving. The semester will end Dec. 18.

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association begins play

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association has begun play. This year, most Tuesdays will be a scramble event. Newcomers are welcome and there is a \$10 membership fee to cover various expenses. Call the clubhouse at 260-563-8663 by 9 a.m. Monday before to register.

Registration for annual Dam to Dam Century Ride and new triathlon now open

Visit Wabash County has announced registration for the Dam to Dam Century Ride and the DAM(N)!MAN! triathlon is now open. D!M! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Century Ride — Sunday, Sept. 13 — and will incorporate the newest and longest 150-mile bike route, plus a 3.1-mile swim and will end with a 31-mile run. The registration fee for the triathlon is \$135, however, participants can use promo code DMSAVE40 to save \$40 for a limited time. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market season open Saturdays through Sept. 26

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and Wabash Elk's Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. Guests can expect to see a Limited Market Model in response to COVID-19. Some of the precautions include one entrance to the market at the northeast corner, a limited number of shoppers, social distancing at least 6 feet, masks and gloves recommended and a sanitizer station provided. Masks and gloves are recommended to be worn by shoppers. There

is construction on Cass Street. Alternate routes on Carroll and Market Streets are available. Vendors are still being accepted for the full season, half-season and one-time rates. For more information, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabash-marketplace.org.

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to reopen Sunday, Nov. 15.

Hawkins Farms kicks off Pizza Fridays benefiting HOPE CSA

Starting Friday, June 12, Hawkins Family Farm began hosting "Tailgating on the Farm" from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at 10373 N. 300 East, North Manchester, diners will be able to order online or by phone their all-natural, locally-sourced artisan pizzas baked in an outdoor, wood-fired brick oven. Standard pizzas range from \$10 to \$20, payable by credit card or Apple Pay. All profits from Fridays on the Farm benefit HOPE CSA (Hands-On Pastoral Education using Clergy Sustaining Agriculture). For more information, visit www.hawkinsfamilyfarm.com or www.hopecsa.org.

Second Harvest tailgates at Senior Center now scheduled Wednesdays

Second Harvest Food Bank will conduct a tailgate food distribution event at 11 a.m. each Wednesday at Living Well in Wabash County, 239 Bond St. Distribution is while supplies last. No IDs, proof of address or need are required. All are welcome, regardless of home county. Attendees should only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit curehunger.org/get-involved-donate.

Laketon American Legion open

The Laketon American Legion is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays serving breakfast and lunch. On Saturdays, only breakfast will be served from 6 to 11 a.m. On Sundays, they are closed. *Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

Food

Tabbouleh inspiration

By LYNDA BALSLEV

I call this salad tabbouleh, although many of the ingredients are not what you will typically find in a traditional Middle Eastern tabbouleh salad. Middle Eastern tabbouleh is a puckery bulgur salad, tumbled with fresh herbs and chopped vegetables, and laced with garlic, lemon and olive oil. This version takes inspiration from the tabbouleh method but detours south of the U.S. border with ingredients and spices of the Americas. Quinoa replaces the bulgur, while sweet corn, chiles, cilantro and cumin ripple throughout the salad. Shredded kale partakes in the shower of fresh greens, providing hearty flavor and healthy heft, and lime steps in for the citrus.

This is a perfect summer salad to include in your barbecue spread as an accompaniment to grilled meats and fish, or as a vegetarian dish for non-meat eaters. Protein-rich quinoa is a South American plant that produces small seeds that are rich in calcium, phosphorous, magnesium and iron. The seeds may be prepared like rice, and their nutty flavor adds heartiness to salads, pilafs and stews. Quinoa is also gluten-free, providing a nutritious substitute for bulgur,

couscous and farro.

The key to making this salad is to taste as you build it. There should be a balance of citrus, spice and heat and a generous amount of greens for flavor and freshness. Quinoa requires a good deal of seasoning, so season the quinoa before adding the remaining salad ingredients. I prefer to use red quinoa for color and flavor, but white quinoa can also be used. This recipe can be prepared in advance of serving and refrigerated for up to 6 hours. Its flavors will meld the longer it sits, so taste again before serving.

Quinoa and Kale Tabbouleh

Active time: 30 minutes
Total time: 30 minutes, plus cooling and refrigerating time
Yield: Serves 6

- 1 1/2 cups quinoa
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper, or to taste
- 1 corn cob, husked, silk removed
- 2 scallions, white and green parts thinly sliced

- 1 medium red bell pepper, stemmed and seeded, finely diced
 - 1 medium poblano pepper, stemmed and seeded, finely diced
 - 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
 - 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
 - 4 to 6 Tuscan kale leaves, tough ribs removed, leaves shredded
 - 1/2 cup chopped Italian parsley leaves
 - 1/2 cup chopped cilantro leaves and tender stems
- Put the quinoa in a fine-mesh sieve and rinse under cold water. Drain and place in a medium saucepan. Add cold water to cover by 2 inches. Bring to a boil and simmer over medium heat until the quinoa releases its tail (germ). Drain again.

Transfer the quinoa to a large bowl. Stir in the garlic, cumin, salt, coriander, black pepper and cayenne and cool to room temperature.

Cut the corn kernels off of the cob. Add the corn, scallions, peppers, lime juice and olive oil and stir to combine. Add the kale, parsley and cilantro and stir well to thoroughly coat the greens and slightly wilt the kale. If too dry, add additional olive oil. Taste for seasoning.

Refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to 6 hours. Serve cool or at room temperature.



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Provided photo

Summer squash is low in calories and rich in cancer-protective fiber and contains nutrients including lutein and zeaxanthin.

Summer squash ribbons

By MICHAEL KASTRE and DORI MITCHELL, MS, RDN

Squash ribbons are easy to make and simply flavored with aromatic herbs and zesty lemon. Summer squash is low in calories and rich in cancer-protective fiber and contains nutrients including lutein and zeaxanthin. These carotenoids are especially beneficial for our eyes. Herbs and lemon zest also provide a plethora of antioxidants in this too-hot-to-cook, refreshingly light, summer side dish.

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp lemon zest
- 2 tbsp coarsely chopped oregano leaves

- 1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 medium-large yellow straightneck summer squash
- 1 medium-large zucchini
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese, thinly sliced

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 90 calories, 7 g total fat (1 g saturated fat, 0 g trans fat), 0 mg cholesterol, 6 g carbohydrates, 2 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 5 mg sodium, 3 g sugar, 0 g added sugar.

Directions

In large bowl, whisk together olive oil, lemon juice, lemon zest, oregano and thyme. Season to taste with salt and pep-

per. Stir in onion.

Cut stem end from squash. Holding stem end of squash and leaning other end on cutting board at an angle, use vegetable peeler to shave squash lengthwise to create ribbons. Stop peeling at seed core.

Stack ribbons and cut in half crosswise. Add ribbons to bowl and stir, separating ribbons to cover with dressing.

Rotate squash to opposite side and repeat peeling, cutting and mixing with dressing.

Peel ribbons from remaining two sides of squash and repeat cutting and mixing with dressing.

Repeat with zucchini.

Transfer squash salad to serving dish and top with feta, if using. Salad may be chilled and served later in the day.

U.S. meat industry puzzled by China’s import ban for 1 plant

By JOSH FUNK
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — China’s decision to ban imports from a single Tyson Foods poultry plant where there was a coronavirus outbreak has raised concerns about the implications on the U.S. meat industry if the action is expanded to other plants.

Chinese customs officials didn’t hint about expanding the ban in a short statement it issued about suspending imports from the plant in Springdale, Arkansas. The country imposed a similar ban last week on pork imports from a German plant where a number of workers tested positive for COVID-19, but it hasn’t taken action against other U.S. beef, pork and poultry plants that have seen outbreaks among workers.

Jim Sumner, president of the USA Poultry & Egg Export Council, said he hopes the move won’t hurt the overall relationship with China, which had been improving after a new trade deal was signed early this year.

“Hopefully it’s not going to mean anything,” Sumner said. “If it remains at just one plant, it will not have any meaningful impact, but we don’t know what’s going to happen.”

A U.S. Agriculture De-

partment spokesman said Monday that there is no evidence of the virus being transmitted by food or food packaging.

“This action by the Chinese is completely unjustified,” National Chicken Council spokesman Tom Super said.

Sumner said the time it takes for meat produced in the United States to reach China would make it especially difficult for any virus to survive.

“It’s not transmissible in meat,” he said. “Plus, that product is frozen and spends 30 days in a container en route to China. So there is zero possibility of a live virus from the US showing up in frozen poultry as it has been shipped by ocean carrier halfway around the world.”

Tyson spokesman Gary Mickelson said the company remains confident that its products are safe, and it hopes the issue can be resolved in trade talks between the two countries.

Last week, Tyson announced the results of coronavirus testing at its facilities in Benton and Washington counties in Arkansas. It said that 481 of the 3,748 workers it tested were positive for COVID-19, and most of those workers didn’t show any symptoms of the illness.

There have been other

COVID-19 outbreaks at meatpacking plants around the United States, including in South Dakota, Iowa, North Carolina, Nebraska, and Iowa.

Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson called China’s move “very troubling” since there’s been no evidence of the virus being transmitted from food, and questioned why the facility was singled out.

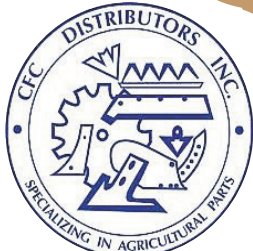
“I don’t know whether China is playing politics or just making bad judgments, but that’s not good or helpful at all in our relationship,” Hutchinson said.

Jeff Moon, who is a former assistant U.S. trade representative for China and now a trade consultant, said the action could be a political move to remind the Trump administration how dependent America is on the Chinese market for exports, but it’s hard to tell for certain what is behind the ban.

“There is a legitimate interest in promoting food safety, but it also serves a much broader political purpose. China can choose to implement this ban for as long as it wants to or if it thinks it is useful and appropriate, it can lift it tomorrow. American companies frequently face this kind of limbo when dealing with the Chinese market,” Moon said.



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